GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:227
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INTEREST RATE ON EPF
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Board of Trustees of Employees Provident Fund (EPF) has recommended to the Union Government interest rate between 8-9 percent on EPF for the year 2003-04;

(b) if so, the response of the Union Government thereto;

(c) whether the Union Government have taken a decision to pay 0.5 percent bonus interest;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR)

(a) to (e): The Central Board of Trustees, Employees' Provident Fund in its 161st meeting held on 31.05.2003 recommended as under:

"The Board decided that an interim rate of interest @ 9% and 0.5% bonus be paid to retiring members till a final notification/decision was arrived at. The Board further decided that the bonus be paid only to statutorily covered employees and not to those who came into the Employees' Provident Fund fold voluntarily."

The Government of India is yet to notify the rate of interest for the year 2003-04 for crediting interest in the accounts of Employees' Provident Fund members under para 60(1) of Employees' Provident Fund Scheme, 1952.